



Read it yourself with Ladybird

# The Wizard of Oz



Level

4









# Note to parents, carers and teachers

*Read it yourself* is a series of modern stories, favourite characters and traditional tales written in a simple way for children who are learning to read. The books can be read independently or as part of a guided reading session.

Each book is carefully structured to include many high-frequency words vital for first reading. The sentences on each page are supported closely by pictures to help with understanding, and to offer lively details to talk about.

The books are graded into four levels that progressively introduce wider vocabulary and longer stories as a reader's ability and confidence grows.

## Ideas for use

- Although your child will now be progressing towards silent, independent reading, let her know that your help and encouragement is always available.
- Developing readers can be concentrating so hard on the words that they sometimes don't fully grasp the meaning of what they're reading. Answering the puzzle questions on pages 46 and 47 will help with understanding.

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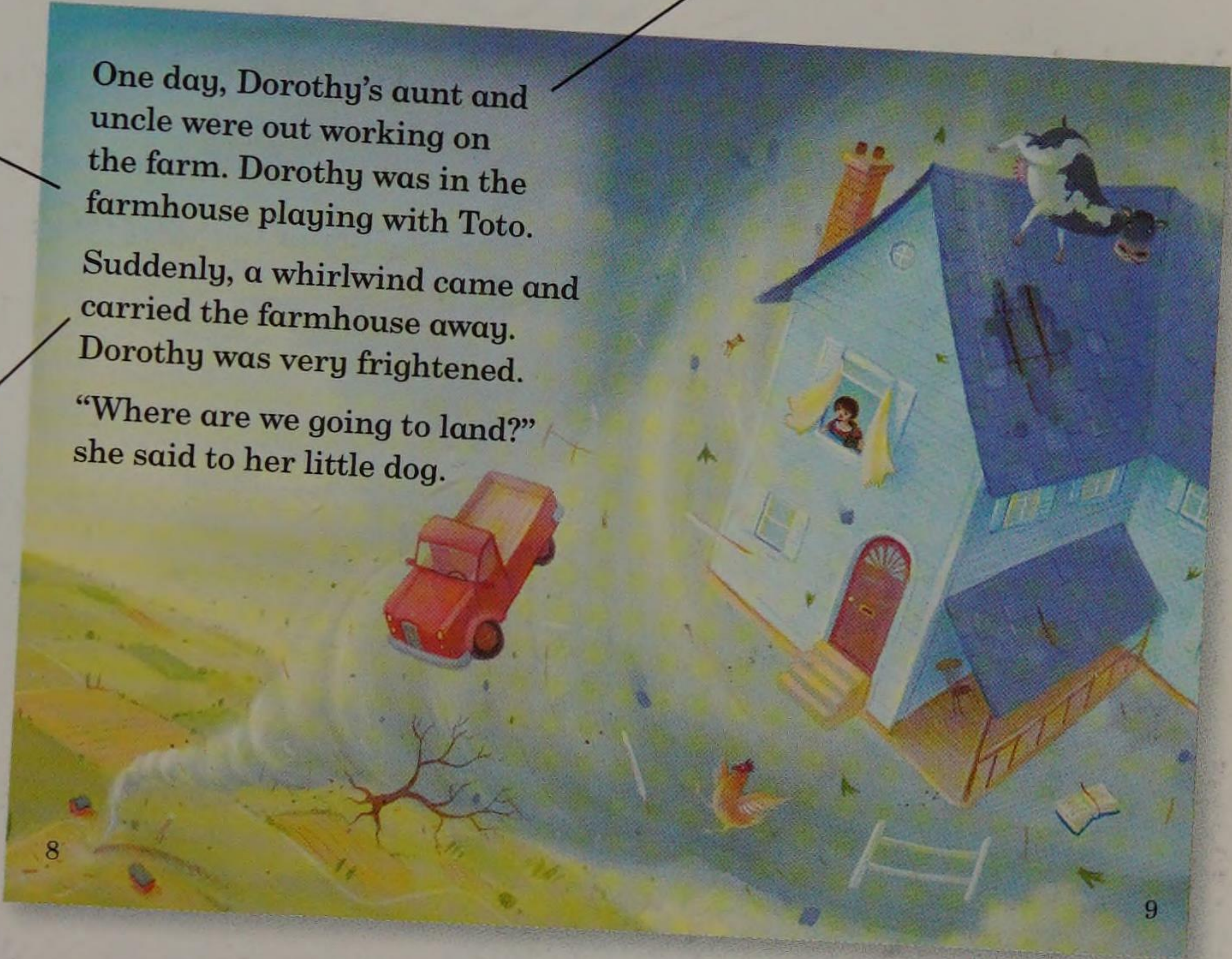
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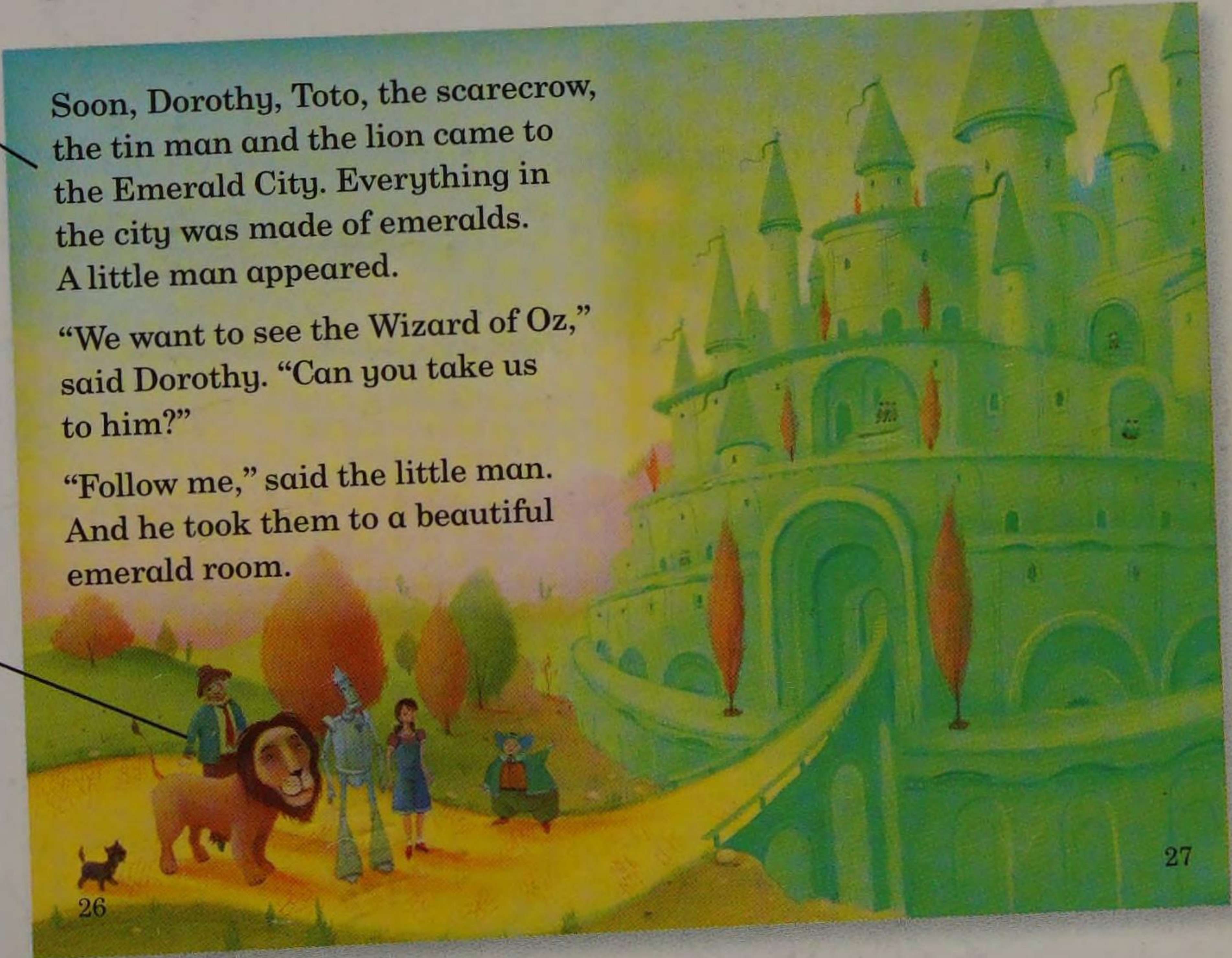
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# The Wizard of Oz



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Once upon a time, there was a little girl called Dorothy. Dorothy lived on a farm in Kansas, America. She lived with her aunt, her uncle and her little dog, Toto.









One day, Dorothy's aunt and uncle were out working on the farm. Dorothy was in the farmhouse playing with Toto.

Suddenly, a whirlwind came and carried the farmhouse away. Dorothy was very frightened.

“Where are we going to land?” she said to her little dog.









They came down in a land full of flowers.

Suddenly, a beautiful lady appeared.

“Where am I?” said Dorothy.

“You are in the land of Oz,” said the lady. “I am very pleased to see you. I am the Good Witch.” She thanked Dorothy for killing the Wicked Witch.

“What Wicked Witch?” said Dorothy.



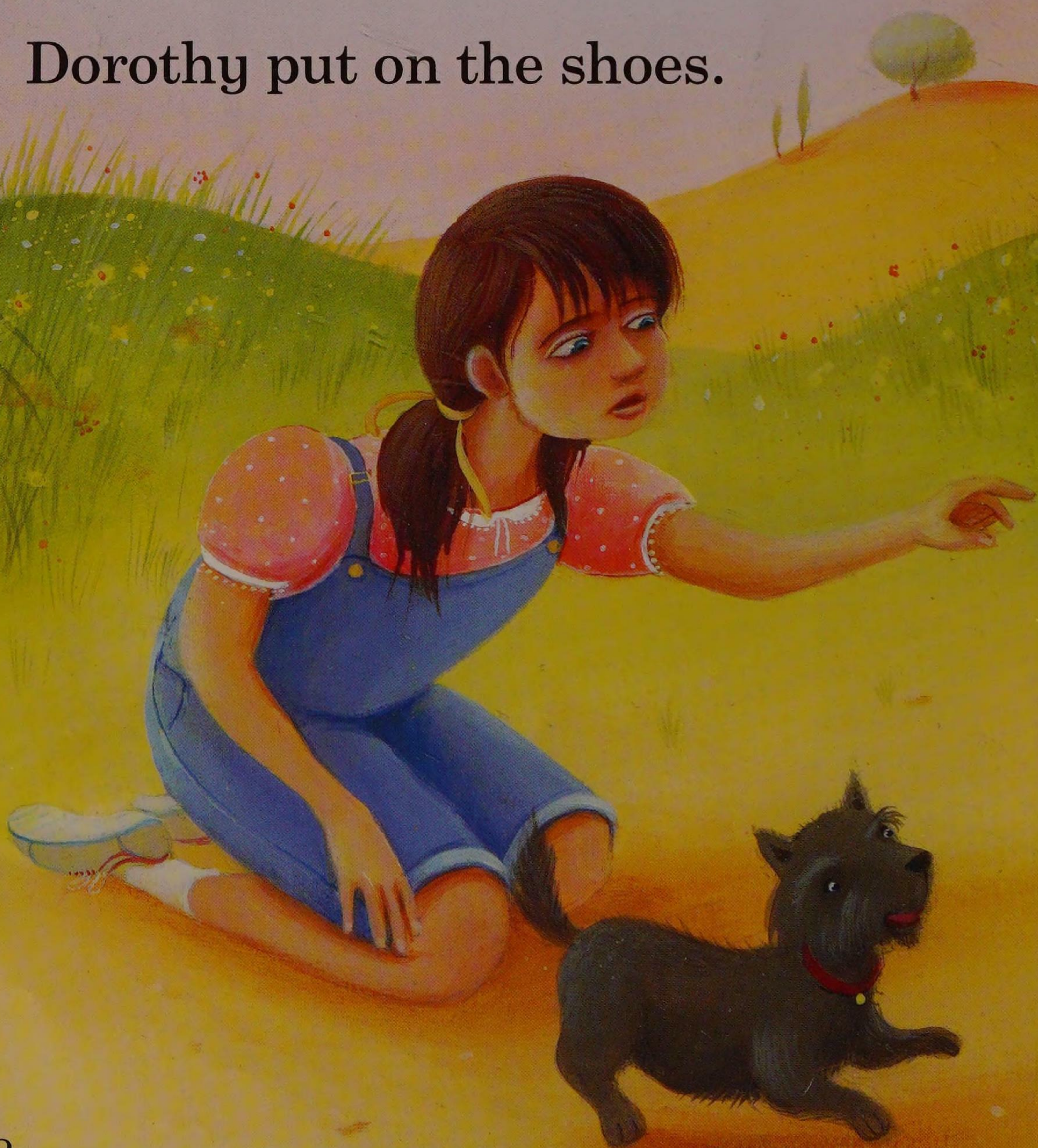




“Look under your farmhouse,”  
said the Good Witch.

Dorothy looked under the  
farmhouse. There she saw a  
witch. On the witch’s feet were  
two magic shoes.

Dorothy put on the shoes.









“I want to go back home,” said Dorothy. “How do I get there?”

“You must go to see the Wizard of Oz,” said the Good Witch.

“He lives in the Emerald City, along the yellow brick road. He can help you.”

“Can you come with me?” said Dorothy.

“No,” said the Good Witch. “But I will be there when you need me.”









So Dorothy and Toto followed the yellow brick road. Soon, they saw a scarecrow.

“Where are you going?” asked the scarecrow.

“We’re going to the Emerald City, to see the Wizard of Oz,” said Dorothy.





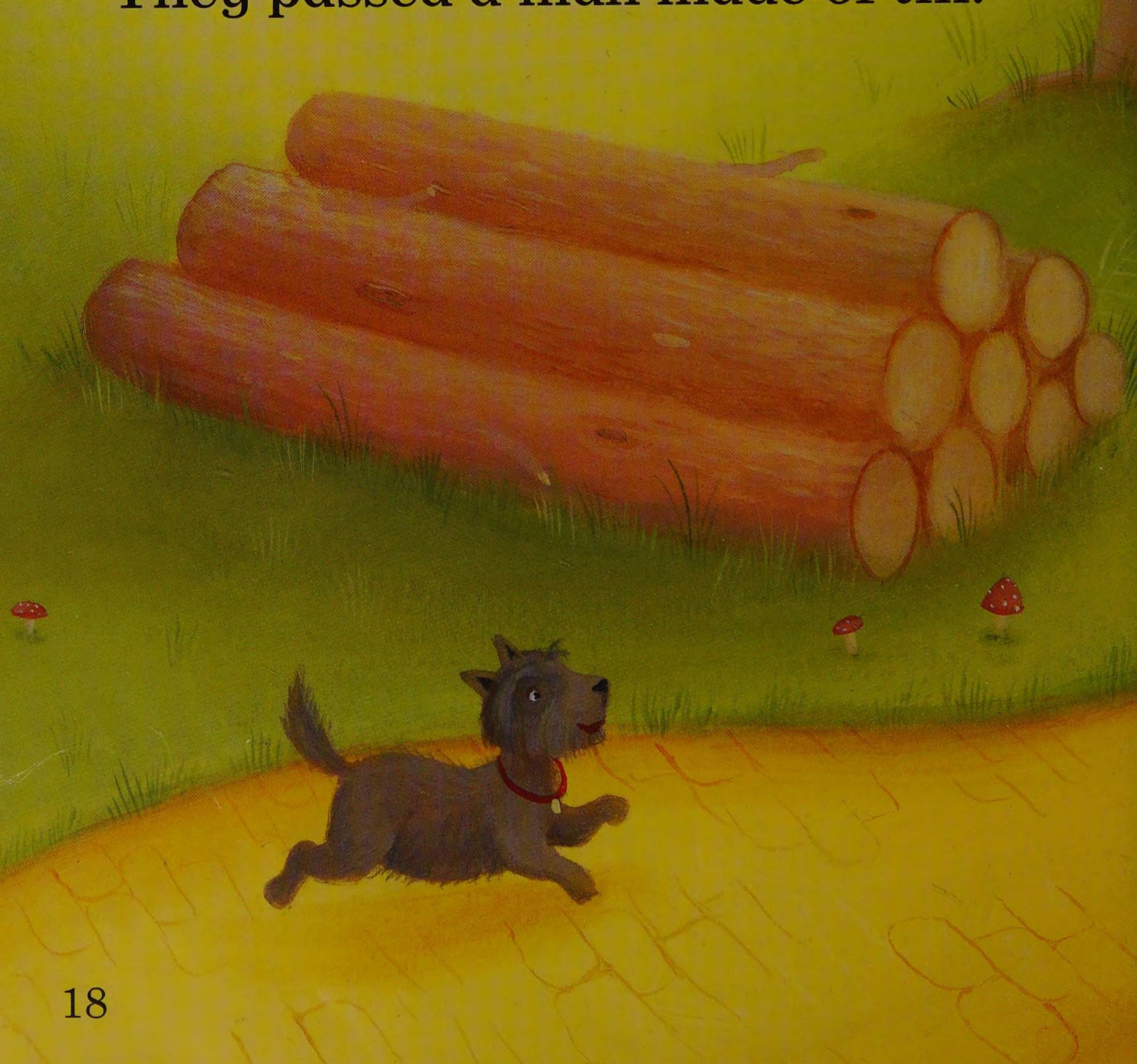




“I’ll come with you,” said the scarecrow. “My head is full of straw. I want to ask the Wizard for some brains, so that I can think.”

So Dorothy, Toto and the scarecrow followed the yellow brick road.

They passed a man made of tin.









“Are you going to see the Wizard of Oz?” asked the tin man.

“Yes,” said Dorothy.

“Can I come with you?” said the tin man. “I want to ask the wizard for a heart, so that I can love.”

So they all walked along the yellow brick road.









Suddenly, an angry lion appeared.

“Where are you all going?” asked the lion.

“We’re going to the Emerald City to see the Wizard of Oz,” said Dorothy.



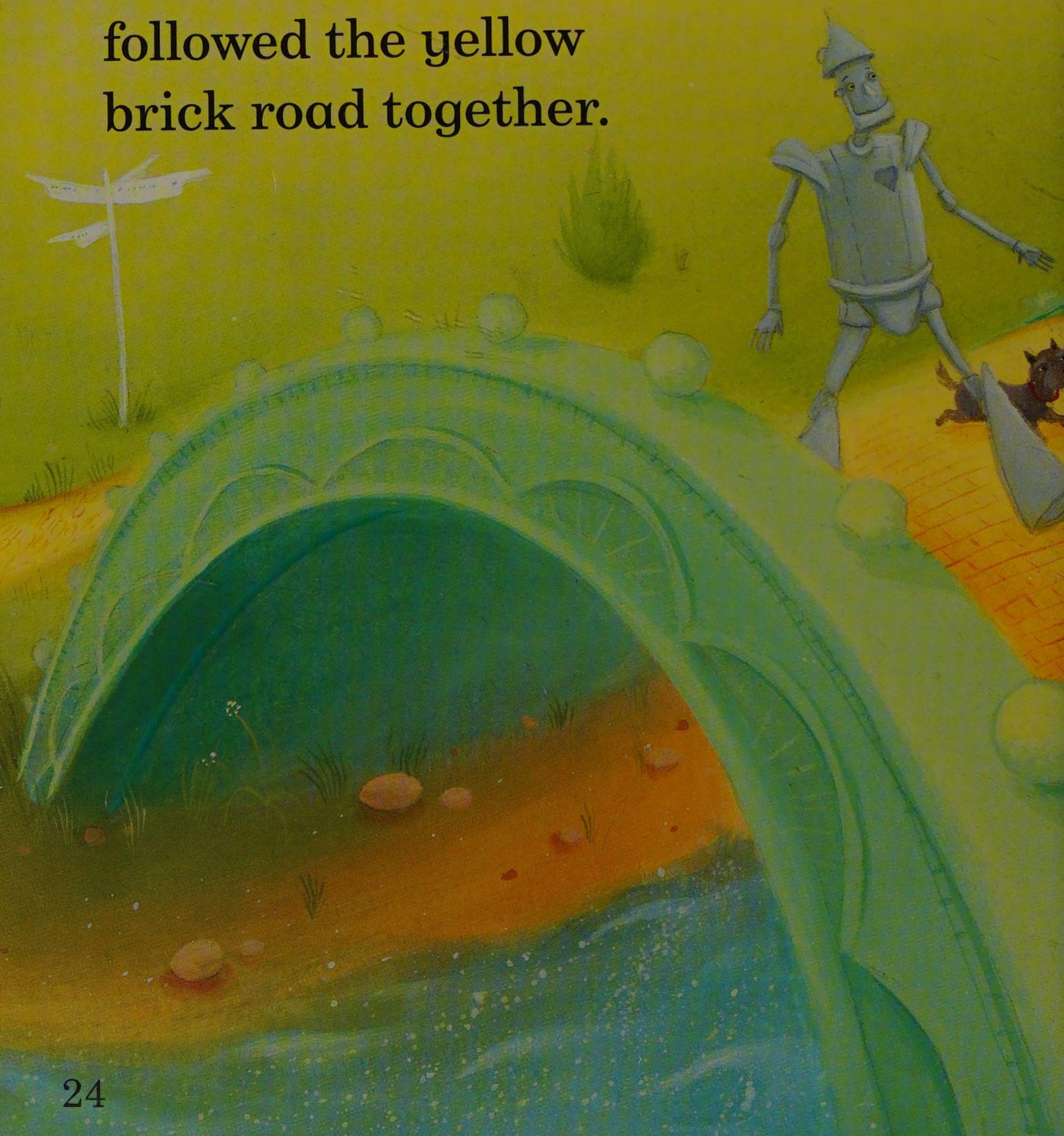






“Can I come too?” said the lion.  
“I want to ask him for some  
courage. It’s no good being a  
lion without courage.”

Dorothy was happy with  
her new friends. They all  
followed the yellow  
brick road together.









Soon, Dorothy, Toto, the scarecrow, the tin man and the lion came to the Emerald City. Everything in the city was made of emeralds. A little man appeared.

“We want to see the Wizard of Oz,” said Dorothy. “Can you take us to him?”

“Follow me,” said the little man. And he took them to a beautiful emerald room.









There they saw the Wizard of Oz.

Dorothy and her friends  
were frightened.

“Wizard, can you help us?”  
asked Dorothy.

“What do you want me to do?”  
said the wizard.







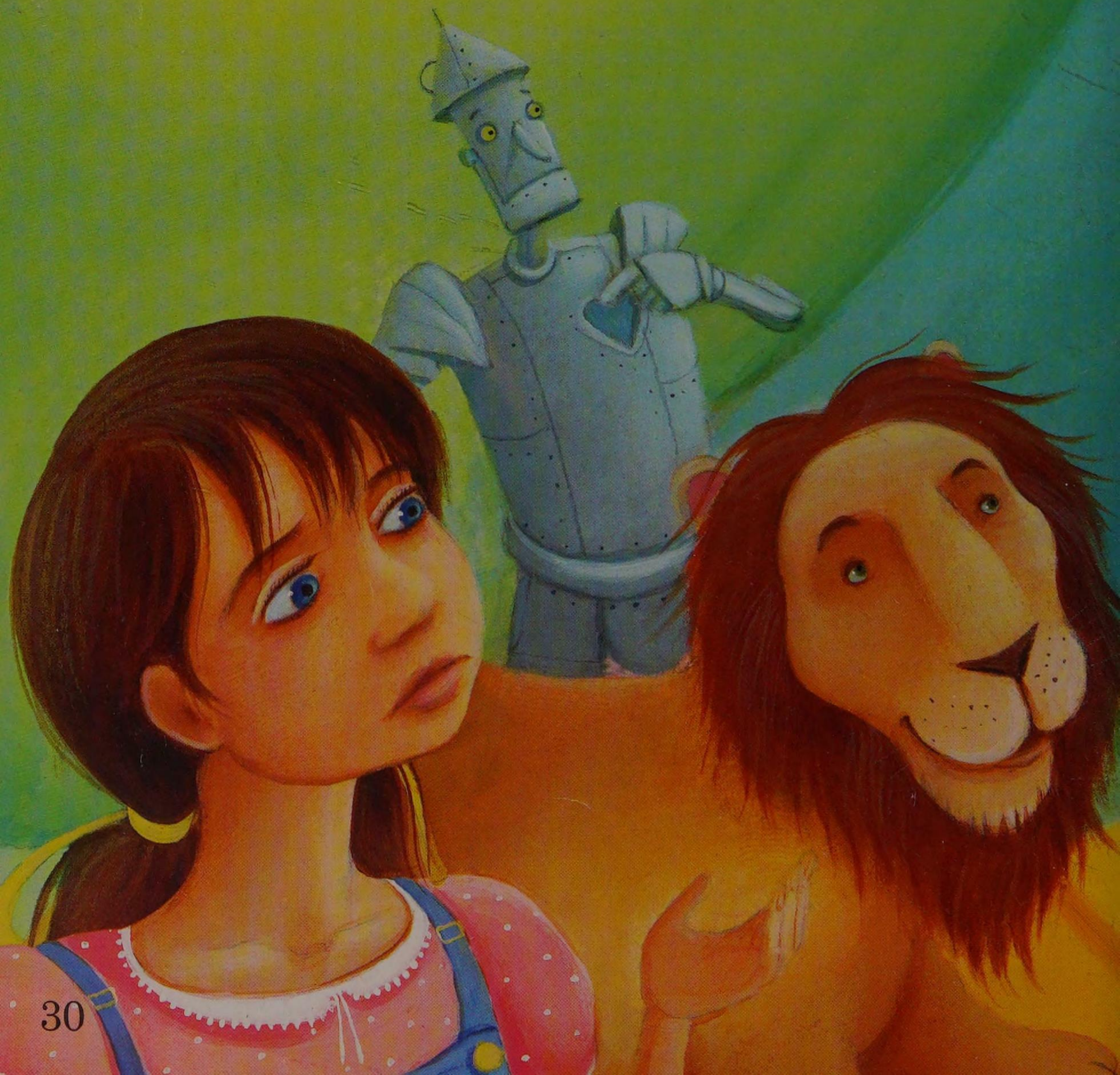


“I’d like a brain,” said the scarecrow.

“I’d like a heart,” said the tin man.

“And I’d like some courage,”  
said the lion.

“And what about you?” the wizard  
asked Dorothy. “What do you want?”









“I just want to go home to Kansas,”  
said Dorothy.

“I will help you,” said the wizard.

“But first, you must help me.  
Go and kill the last Wicked Witch  
in the land of Oz.”

Dorothy and her friends were not  
very pleased. They didn’t know  
how to kill the last Wicked Witch.









Dorothy, Toto, the scarecrow,  
the tin man and the lion went to  
find the Wicked Witch's castle.

Suddenly, the witch's flying  
monkeys came. They carried  
Dorothy, her friends and Toto  
back to the witch's castle.









The Wicked Witch wanted Dorothy's magic shoes.

"If I have the magic shoes, then I can be the wickedest witch the land of Oz has ever seen," she said.

But Dorothy wouldn't give her the magic shoes, so the witch made Dorothy work in her castle.









One day, the witch said, “If you don’t give me your magic shoes, I will kill your little dog.”

Dorothy was very angry. She took a bucket of water, and threw it all over the witch.

“You wicked girl, your water is killing me!” said the Wicked Witch. And she disappeared.









So Dorothy and her friends went back to see the Wizard of Oz.

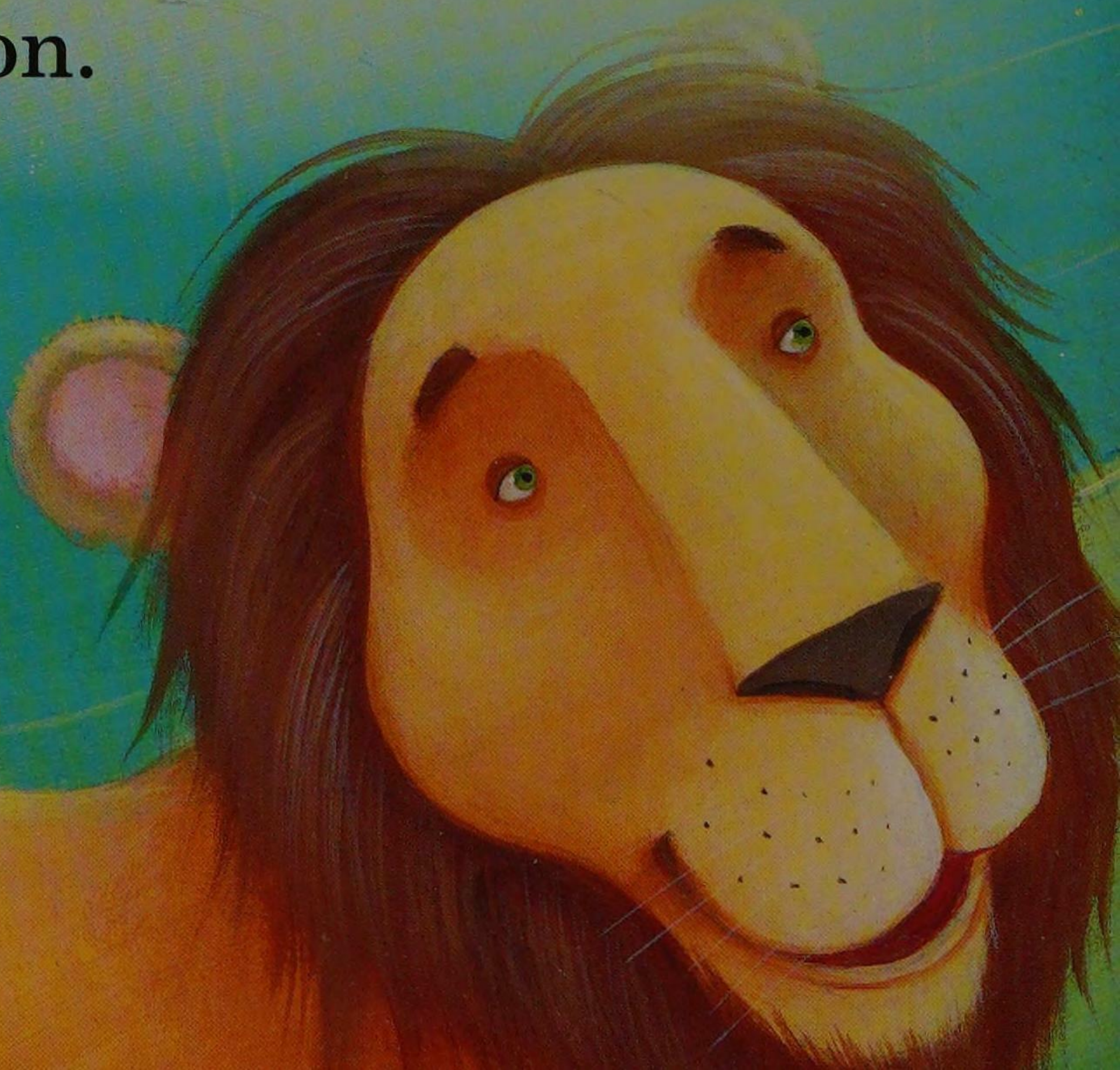
“Now we have helped you,” said Dorothy, “please will you help us?”

So the Wizard of Oz gave the scarecrow some brains, the tin man a heart, and the lion some courage.

“Now I can think,” said the scarecrow.

“Now I can love,” said the tin man.

“And I will be a brave lion,” said the lion.









“But what about Dorothy?” said the scarecrow.

“I can’t help her,” said the wizard.

“I don’t know how to send her home.”

Suddenly, the Good Witch appeared.

“Dorothy,” said the Good Witch,

“you must ask your shoes to take you home.”









“Shoes, please take me home,”  
said Dorothy. Suddenly she was  
back in her farmhouse with her  
aunt and uncle.

And Dorothy and Toto lived  
happily ever after.









How much do you remember about the story of The Wizard of Oz? Answer these questions and find out!

- Who does Dorothy live with?
- What is the name of her little dog?
- Who does Dorothy meet first on the yellow brick road?
- What does the tin man want?
- How do Dorothy and her friends get to the witch's castle?
- How does Dorothy get rid of the Wicked Witch?





Unjumble these words to make words from the story, then match them to the correct pictures.

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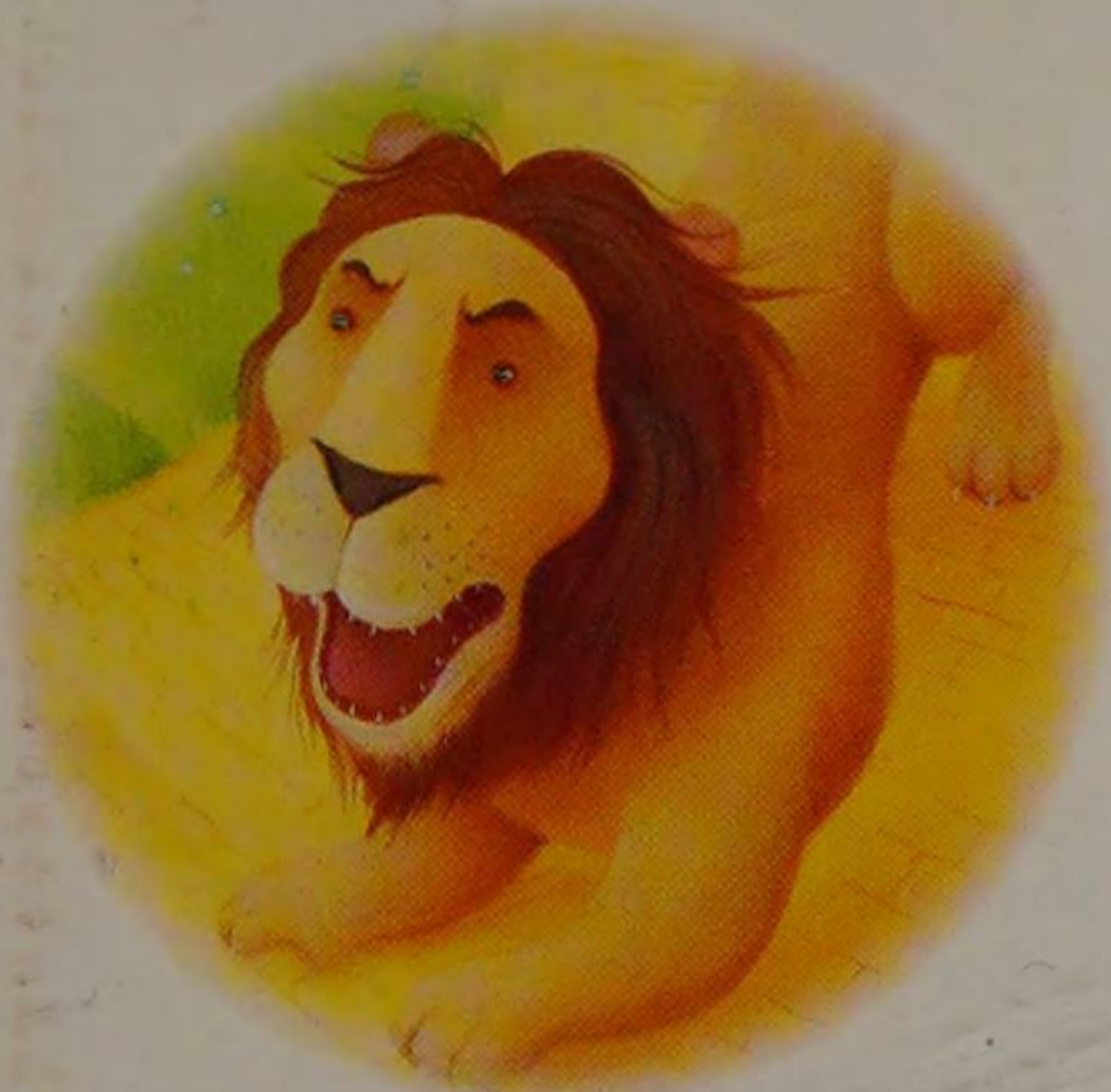
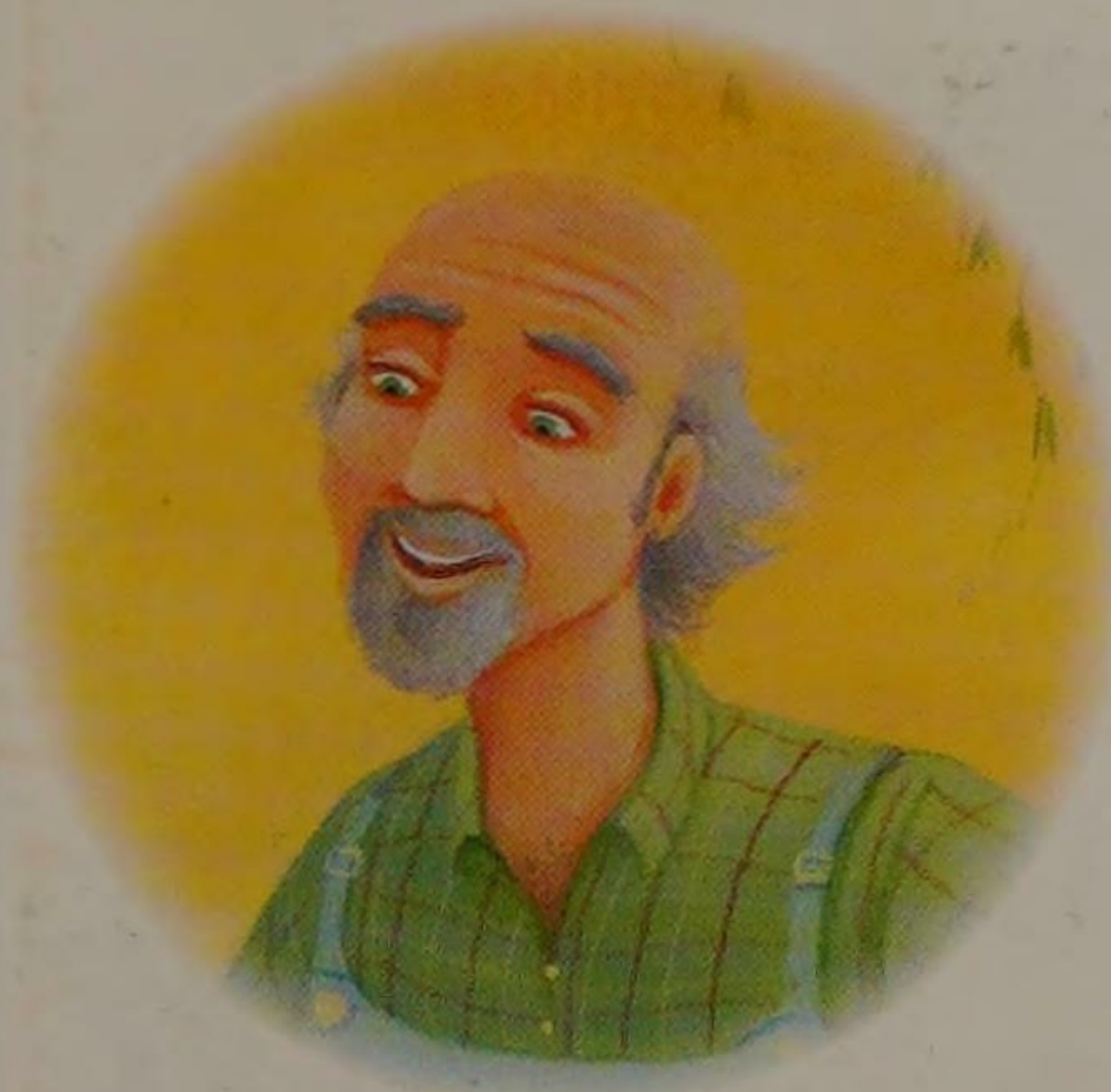
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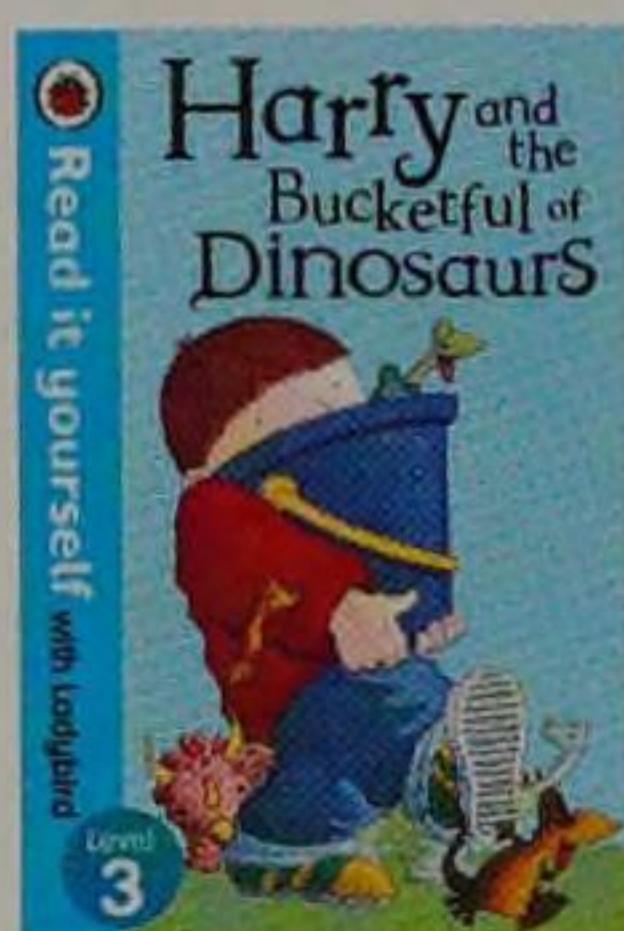
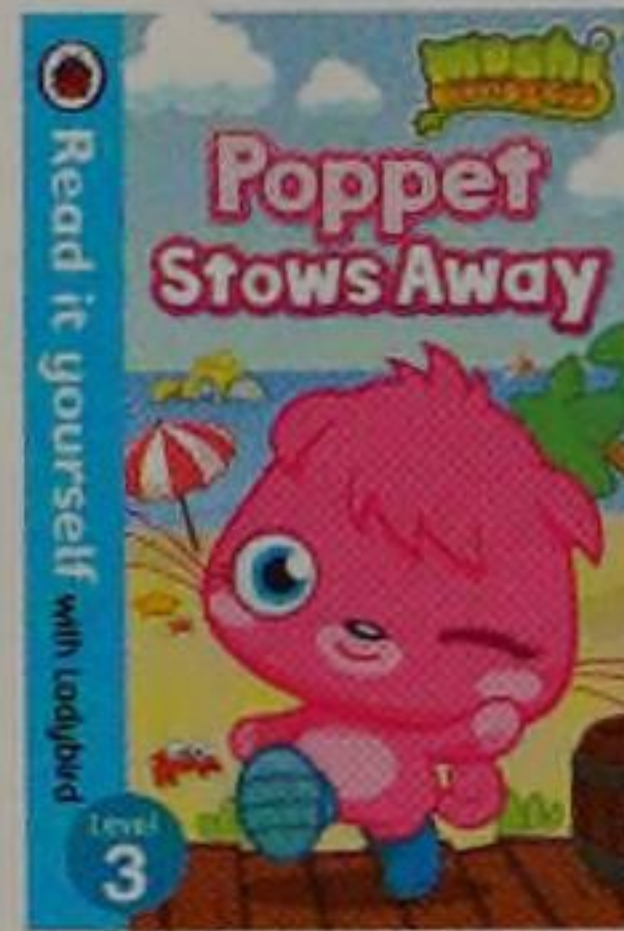


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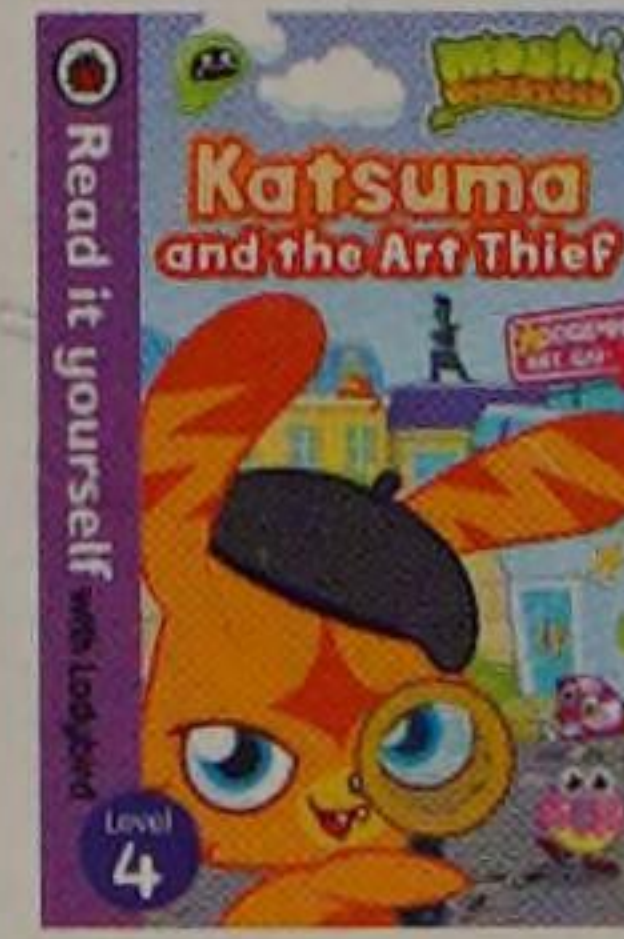
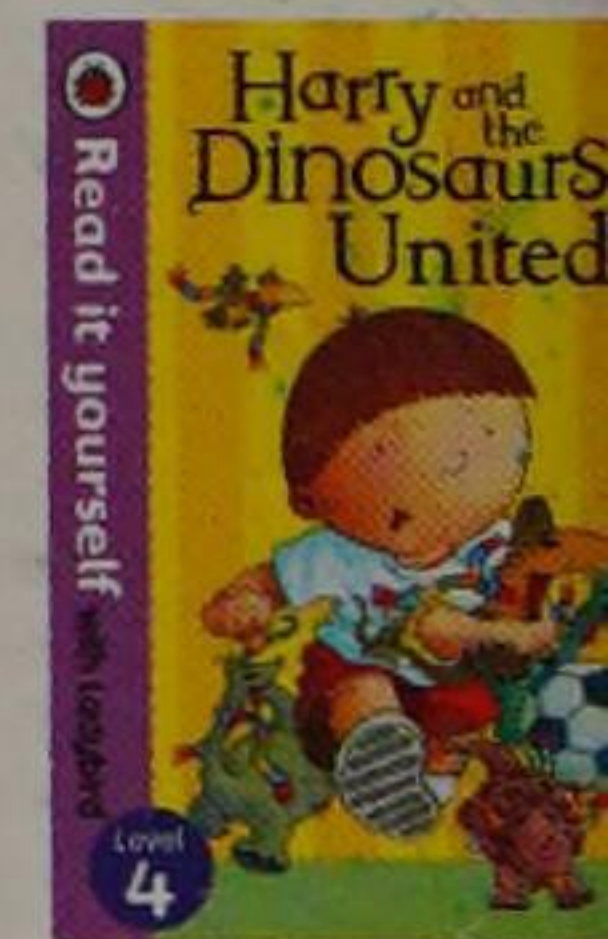
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